

HSCA Advisory Committee

DNREC's New Castle Field Office

391 Lukens Drive

New Castle, Delaware

Dec. 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Bill Baldwin, Action Environmental
Neeraj Batta, Batta Environmental
Matt Brill, CH2M
Walt Bryan, Del-Mar
Marianne Ceniglia, DESI
Todd Coomes, RL&F, on phone
Greg DeCowsky
Kathy Fox, EA
Clay Greer, Ten Bears
Stephanie Hansen, YCST
Jason McNew, EA
Gianna Rosati, EPA
Nicholas Santella, BSTI
Bill Stephens, STEPHENS Environmental
Chris Whallon, Duffield
Harley Yates, EA
Marian Young, BrightFields

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Marj Crofts
Kate Durant
Tim Ratsep
Alex Rittberg
Qazi Salahuddin
Kristen Thornton
Paul Will

Presenters

Elizabeth Limbrick, NJIT-TAB
Jason McNew, EA

Introductions and Opening Remarks – Tim Ratsep welcomed old and new members.

Approval of Sept. 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

DNREC News – Marjorie Crofts reviewed DNREC in-house information including the 40% HSCA fund reduction from \$14 to \$8 million.

Updates for TMS – Alex gave an update on the UST, AST, and Boiler Safety regulations and highlighted the upcoming UST Advisory Committee meeting.

Updates for SIRS – Tim gave an update on remaining HSCA brownfields grant funding, DNREC staff retirements and progress on new SSD system.

Draft BF Reimbursement Guidance for Ecological Revitalization and Green Infrastructure -

Presentation by Kate Durant, Kristen Thornton, Karissa Hendershot and Krystal Stanley. New policy will create priority brownfields grant funding for sites using ecological revitalization and green infrastructure including raingardens, bioswales, warm season grasses, and submerged gravel wetlands. Will also create a list of recommended native plants by county.

HAC Subcommittee Report-outs:

Ecological Revitalization & Green Restoration Group – Discussed the next project.

Technical Subcommittee – Qazi Salahuddin provided an overview of the meetings.

Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities Program (NJIT TAB) – Presentation by Elizabeth Limbrick on **free** technical assistance to state, regional, county, tribal and local government entities and nonprofit organizations. See NJIT TAB presentation at:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/BAC/Pages/BACMeetings.aspx>

HAC Subcommittee Report-outs continued:

Finance Subcommittee – discussed possible legislation regarding the Brownfield tax credit and ways to increase HSCA fund (i.e., increase gas tax, gross receipts, bonds, backend tax, combine DEDO and HSCA brownfield funding).

Regulatory Subcommittee (changes to Chapters 62, 74, 74A & 91) – Tim Ratsep & Alex Rittberg - Alex discussed the changes to the AST regulations in more detail. Tim noted new application for brownfields (updated soon).

Outreach & Education Subcommittee – Discussed mission of the subcommittee and possible next steps to increase community awareness and outreach for brownfield cleanups.

Green Sustainable Restoration (GSR) – Jason McNew gave a presentation on GSR – please see presentation at: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/BAC/Pages/BACMeetings.aspx> .

New Business/Public Comments – None

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held **March 2, 2017 from 9:30-12:30 at:**

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